Introduction

There are 24 symbols used in writing Walsa:

ae, a, (m)b, (n)d, ei, e, e, (n)g, h, i, k, l, m, n, o, o, p,

r, s, t, u, v, w, y

This is a practical alphabet in which most sounds are equivalent to those in Tok Pisin and are therefore represented by the same symbol. Here are the exceptions:

1. ae is a digraph pronounced like the a in Australia English cat.

2. b, d, g are spelled and pronounced mb, nd, ng when they occur in the middle of a word. At the end they are pronounced mp, nd, nk

3. ei is a digraph pronounced like the a in Australia English cake.

4. e is pronounced like the u in Australia English burn.

5. o is pronounced like the au in Australia English August.

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